

## HOUSE BILLS OF INTEREST

### REGULAR SESSION 2008

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB8** To add Chapter 3C, comprised of Sections 19-3C-1 to 19-3C-10 to Title 19 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to adopt the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, to provide for the management of the funds of a charitable institution; and to repeal Sections 16-61A-1 to 16-61A-8, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Ball:**

**HB25** To exempt any thrift shop located on a military installation in Alabama from the payment of all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes; to levy a privilege tax on gummed cigarette papers and provide for the assessment and collection of such tax; to confer certain powers and impose certain duties on the Department of Revenue for the implementation and administration of this act; to repeal Sections 40-25A-1, 40-25A-2, 40-25A-3, 40-25A-4, 40-25A-6, 40-25A-12, 40-25A-15, 40-25A-16, 40-25A-17, 40-25A-19, and 40-25A-20, Code of Alabama 1975, and to prescribe certain penalties for violation of this act.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative McClendon:**

**HB31** To amend Sections 34-22-60, 34-22-62, and 34-22-63, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Board of Optometric Scholarship Awards; to increase the membership of the board, to alter the amount of such scholarships; to permit the board to retain loan repayments for purposes of funding future scholarships; and to provide retroactive effect.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB43** Amending Section 40-18-15 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to income tax deductions for individuals; to provide a deduction for contribution, subsequent to December 31, 2006, to the Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program or the Alabama College Education Savings Program and to provide a recapture provision for nonqualified withdrawals.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Hilliard:**

**HB54** Relating to public school safety; requiring local boards of education to adopt school safety plans and protocols; requiring principals to instruct students regarding various school safety matters and employ certain safety procedures; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Wren (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB56** Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account; to credit to the General Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund an amount not to exceed ten percent of the General Fund appropriations for the previous fiscal year; and to provide for the transfer of additional amounts to the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund so as to prevent loss of interest funds in years of proration when funds are withdrawn from the General Fund Rainy Day Account.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Kennedy, Guin, Keahey, White, Curtis, Hinshaw, Taylor, Morrow, England, Warren, Hall, Hilliard, Coleman, Irons, Sherer, Dukes, Robinson (O), Dunn, Schmitz, Hurst, Spicer, Todd, Vance, Salaam, McClammy, Moore (M), Gordon, Baker (L), Lindsey, Scott, Fite and Ford (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB78** Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide constitutional status for the Education Trust Fund; and to provide for the disbursement of funds therefrom.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Salaam, Guin, Keahey, McLaughlin, Curtis, Hinshaw, Taylor, Morrow, England, Warren, Hall, Hilliard, Kennedy, Coleman, McCampbell, Irons, Sherer, Dukes, Robinson (O), Dunn, Schmitz, Hurst, Spicer, Harper, Vance, Todd, McClammy, McDaniel, Laird, Baker (L), Gordon, Moore (M), Fite, Scott and Ford:**

**HB80** To provide for legislative findings; to prohibit public funds from being passed through one entity to another at the direction of a member of the Legislature; to define "pass-through" appropriations; to expressly protect the right of a legislator to lobby for or offer support for a legal and valid program of an agency; to provide for reporting of grants; to provide penalties for violations; to provide that when an appropriation is made to a state department, board, or commission, the Department of Finance and the Governor may not transfer, modify, nor withhold the appropriation except as expressly provided for in this act; to create a legislative commission for state spending oversight and specify powers and duties of the commission; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Fite**

**HB81** To reopen the Teachers' Retirement System for purchase of certain prior service credit in the system by an active and contributing member who was employed at an Alabama public high school while employed by a post-secondary institution in Alabama.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Guin:**

**HB83** To amend Section 16-40-1, Code of Alabama 1975, which requires physical education in public and private schools, to provide a minimum amount of daily exercise for students.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Buskey:**

**HB96** To amend Section 41-16-21, Code of Alabama 1975, which relates to public contracts for which competitive bidding is not required, to exempt purchases of goods and services by hospitals or campus medical facilities operated by a state educational institution from the competitive bid process.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Warren:**

**HB100** To amend Sections 41-16-50 and 41-16-57 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to competitive bidding by local governmental and educational instrumentalities; to further provide for the authority of the awarding authority to require a bid bond; to further authorize a local preference where the bid from a local vendor is greater than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder; and to further provide for making an award to the second lowest responsible bidder in the event that the lowest responsible bidder defaults under the bid award.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Spicer:**

**HB120** To add Section 16-5-16 to the Code of Alabama 1975, and to amend Section 16-60-115, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Private School Licensure program and services for postsecondary proprietary schools; to transfer the program and services from the Department of Postsecondary Education to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; to provide for the personnel and their rights, due process, and benefits; to provide for the transfer of funding, duties, powers, and functions of the program; to require the Department of Postsecondary Education to coordinate the transfer of the program services; and to require that the Chancellor of Postsecondary Education and the Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education coordinate actions.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Canfield, Hubbard, Ward, Allen, Ball, Treadaway, McCutcheon, Mask, Clouse, Gaston, Baker (A), Love, McClurkin, Williams, Sanderford, Sherer, Hammon and Grimes:**

**HB139** To amend Section 40-18-19, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow an increased exemption for tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, that will annually phase in, if certain conditions are attained, and increase up to a maximum of \$10,000 for payments made to a retiree or designated beneficiary under a "defined contribution plan," as defined in Section 414(i) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives McCutcheon, Hubbard, Ward, Ball, Treadaway, Wood, Mask, Gipson, Clouse, Beck, Gaston, Canfield, Baker (A), Love, Williams, Sanderford, Allen, Grimes and Hammon:**

**HB141** To provide for legislative findings; to prohibit public funds from being passed through from one entity to another at the direction of a member of the Legislature; to define "pass-through" appropriations; to expressly protect the right of a legislator to lobby for or offer support for a legal and valid program of an agency; to provide for reporting of grants; to provide penalties for violations; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Love, Hubbard, Ward, Ball, Treadaway, Wood, McCutcheon, Mask, Gipson, Clouse, Canfield, Baker (A), McClurkin, Sanderford, Fincher, Shiver, Grimes and Hammon:**

**HB144** To encourage small businesses to provide health insurance coverage for employees, certain qualifying small businesses will be allowed to deduct enhanced amounts for expenses related to health insurance premiums, if certain conditions are met. Qualifying employees will also be allowed to deduct certain amounts they contribute toward their health insurance premiums, if certain conditions are met.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Love, Hubbard, Treadaway, Ward, Ball, Wood, McCutcheon, Mask, Clouse, Canfield, McClurkin, Sanderford, Fincher, Allen, Grimes and Hammon:**

**HB145** To amend Sections 40-18-15, 40-18-19, and 40-18-27 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to gradually increase the personal and dependent exemptions and raise the phase-out amount currently applicable to the optional standard deduction over a five-step period to increase the threshold at which the state imposes individual income tax. These increased exemptions and deductions shall occur only upon certified revenue growth in the Education Trust Fund.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Williams**

**HB152** To amend Section 40-9-19, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to ad valorem taxes and homesteads, to raise the qualifying adjusted gross income amount to a maximum of \$36,000 over a six-year period by providing incremental increases.

#### COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

**By Representatives Williams, Mask, McCutcheon, Wood and Sanderford:**

**HB153** To levy an excise tax on the proceeds from an adult telephone conversation, to be paid by the business or company that receives payment for the service and the sale of adult novelty items, and visual pornography to be paid by the dealer who distributes the item; and to provide for collecting this tax.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Williams, Mask, DeMarco, Gipson, Wood, Davis, Love, Hubbard, Sanderford, Hammon, Ball and Grimes:**

**HB155** To amend Section 40-8-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to classification of property for ad valorem tax purposes, to expand and clarify the definition of residential property to include dwellings under construction.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Grimes, Gipson, Hubbard, Hammon, Sanderford and Allen:**

**HB159** To require the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance implement a program to purchase or provide a policy of educator professional liability insurance to insure certificated personnel employed by a local board of education and student teachers and to authorize the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance to adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of such program.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey and Ball:**

**HB161** To amend Sections 31-6-4 and 31-6-5, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the educational benefits of dependents of deceased or totally disabled veterans or prisoners of war, to extend the educational benefit for such dependents.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Ford:**

**HB179** Relating to public elementary and secondary education; to specify an annual date in August upon which academic instruction may begin and a date before Memorial Day as the date academic instruction shall end.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Johnson:**

**HB185** To amend Section 16-47-124, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the amount of the merit scholarships awarded by the Board of Medical Scholarships Awards from a maximum of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Hall:**

**HB195** To require each permanent and temporary state office, department, division, and unit, bureau, board, commission, task force, authority, institution, state college or university, and other unit of state government, whether executive, legislative, or judicial to establish a training program for vendors who desire to respond to requests for proposals published or announced by the agency.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Wren:**

**HB208** Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to repeal Amendment 709 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 260.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and to reestablish the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account; to credit to the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account within the Alabama Trust Fund an amount required to fund withdrawals from the Account and to provide for the transfer of additional amounts to the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund so as to prevent loss of interest funds in years of proration when funds are withdrawn from the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Ball, Sanderford, Hammon, Grimes, Canfield, Mask, Allen, DeMarco, Williams, McCutcheon, Wood, Shiver, Faust, Baker (A), Davis, Treadaway, Fincher, Gaston, Love, Gipson, Hubbard, Thomas (E) and Grantland:**

**HB215** To require the Comptroller to establish and post on the Internet a database of state expenditures, including contracts and grants that are electronically searchable by the public; to provide for exceptions; and to require state entities to cooperate with the Comptroller with regards to the information to be posted on the Internet.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Buskey:**

**HB222** Relating to public education; to amend Sections 16-9-11, 16-12-1, and 16-60-111.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Sections 16-4-1.1 and 16-60-111.9 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to require the posting of notices of vacancies in the offices of State Superintendent of Education, appointed county superintendent of education, appointed city superintendent of education, Chancellor of Postsecondary Education, and the chief executive officer of any two-year school or college under the auspices of the State Board of Education, the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the Department of Youth Services School District, and the Alabama

High School of Mathematics and Science; and in connection therewith to have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

##### **By Representative Ward:**

**HB227** Relating to autism; to create the Autism Scholarship Program allowing students with autism the option to attend the public or non-public school of their choice; to provide for the responsibilities of resident school districts; to provide for the responsibilities of the Department of Education; to provide for accountability for participating schools; and to provide for responsibilities of the scholarship students and their parents.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

##### **By Representative Todd:**

**HB232** To amend Sections 40-23-2, 40-23-61, 40-23-85, 40-23-101, 40-23-102 and 40-23-108, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the state sales and use tax on automotive vehicles and to provide for the distribution of additional revenues.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

##### **By Representatives Wren, McDaniel, Warren, Thigpen, and Jackson:**

**HB233** Relating to the development of an integrated and comprehensive state policy on energy for Alabama; to create the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Energy Policy for the purpose of developing an ongoing state energy study and energy plan; to provide for the membership of the committee and the initial committee membership as organized pursuant to Act 2007-150, HJR 152, 2007 Regular Session; to provide specific duties of the committee relating to the formulation of the ongoing state energy plan; to provide for the hiring of a staff and the creation of the Legislative Energy Policy Office to supervise and administer the duties of the committee pursuant to this bill; to provide for the formation, duties, and reporting of study subcommittees; to provide for legislative assistance for the committee and reimbursement of committee and subcommittee meeting expenses of legislative members; to provide for specific goals and objectives of the committee, and for the reporting of recommendations of the committee.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

##### **By Representatives Thigpen, McDaniel, Warren, Wren, Jackson and Hill:**

**HB234** To enact the Alternative and Renewable Energy Act of 2008; to amend and renumber Sections 40-17-100, 40-17-101, 40-17-102, 40-17-103, 40-17-104, 40-17-105, 40-17-106, 40-17-107, and 40-17-108, and to amend Sections 40-9B-3, 40-9B-4, 40-18-1, 40-18-190, and 40-18-194, Code of Alabama 1975, to make legislative findings and define terms; to provide requirements relating to the Alabama Public Service Commission's approval of utility programs for the purchase of electricity from distributed generation facilities; to provide similar rules for the governing boards of certain other electric service suppliers; to provide for tax credits and abatements for various energy-related expenditures; to provide for the review by the Department of Revenue of payroll filings and withholdings for wages paid to certain construction workers; and to provide effective dates.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

##### **By Representatives Thigpen, Warren, Wren, Jackson and Hill:**

**HB235** To enact the Alternative Motor Fuels Security Act of 2008 and to add a new Article 10, beginning with Section 40-18-260, to Chapter 18 of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for a tax credit against state income taxes for a portion of the capital costs incurred in the course of constructing within the state a qualified commercial facility for alternative fuels; to provide for a tax credit against state income taxes for biofuel producers located within the state; to provide for a tax credit against state income taxes for alternative fuel suppliers on sales of alternative fuels to public school systems for use in school system vehicles; and to add a new Section 40-23-112 to provide a state sales tax credit on certain purchases of hybrid, flexible fuel and compressed natural gas vehicles purchased within the state for a five-year period.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

##### **By Representatives Thigpen, McDaniel, Warren, Wren, Jackson and Hill:**

**By Representative Graham:**

**HB236** To establish the Alabama Public Interest Energy Research and Development Grants Program to provide funding for energy related public interest energy research and development; to create a new executive agency to be known as the Commission on Public Interest Energy Research and Development Grants which will have sole discretion to distribute appropriations by the Legislature and other funds allocated for public interest energy research and development grants; to establish the Public Interest Energy Research and Development Grants Fund within the State Treasury; and to make an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 and also for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives McDaniel, Warren, Wren, Thigpen, Jackson and Hill:**

**HB239** Relating to the awarding of publicly-bid contracts for the procurement of personal property by the state; to amend Section 41-16-27, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow consideration of life cycle costing in determining the lowest responsible bid for personal property.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

**By Representatives McDaniel, Warren, Wren, Thigpen, Jackson and Hill:**

**HB240** Relating to the public bid process for the purchase of motor vehicles by the state, to amend Section 41-16-27, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that publicly-bid contracts to purchase state motor vehicles may include considerations of life cycle costs of maintaining and owning a motor vehicle and to provide a method of determining industry recognized standards for life cycle costs.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

**By Representatives Wren, McDaniel, Thigpen and Jackson:**

**HB244** To amend Section 40-23-210, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the annual sales tax holiday, to include certain energy efficient products within the exemption from the sales and use tax during the annual sales tax holiday.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Guin:**

**HB251** Relating to public K-12 education; to require the employment of a licensed dietician in each local school system; to require the State Department of Education to establish and implement school food nutritional guidelines that exceed national nutritional requirements; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Ball:**

**HB256** To add Section 40-18-180 to the Code of Alabama, 1975, to allow a research and development credit for tax years beginning after December 31, 2008, that will annually phase in and increase in percentage to a maximum of twenty percent (20%) of that amount which is allowed in Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code, if certain conditions are met. The research and development income tax credit would encourage businesses to increase their investment in research activities and to locate those research activities in Alabama.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Allen:**

**HB263** Relating to college and university athletics; to prohibit a person, corporation, or others who provide certain inducements and influence to student-athletes to attend certain colleges or universities or otherwise reward the student-athlete; to provide a cause of action in favor of a college or university for damages from a violation of this act; to provide for definitions; to provide for felony penalties, injunctive relief, certain disclosures, attorney's fees, costs, and related matters; and in connection therewith this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**By Representatives Salaam, McCampbell, Williams, Robinson (J), Harper, Todd, Sherer, Irons, Faust, McClammy, Thigpen, Shiver, Howard and Boyd:**

**HB268** To prohibit relatives of members of the State Board of Education from serving in any contract capacity with the State of Alabama or its educational political subdivisions and to provide penalties for violations; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Hill, Ward, Clouse, McCutcheon and Gipson:**

**HB269** To amend Section 36-26-26, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to layoffs of state employees, to provide that Merit System employees are granted additional protections.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Knight (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB274** To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to eliminate the state income tax deduction for federal income taxes for individual taxpayers; to increase individual income tax standard deductions, personal exemptions, and dependent exemptions; and to eliminate the state sales tax on food.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Ison, Gaston, Bridges, McClurkin, Sanderford, Bentley, Davis, McCutcheon, Mask, Fincher, Drake, Ward, Wood, Moore (P), Love, Baker (A), Ball, Allen, Grimes, Treadaway, Canfield and DeMarco:**

**HB276** To amend Section 15-20-26, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that the term "school" includes a college or university; to restrict the presence of convicted sex offenders on or near certain college or university property; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**By Representatives Gipson, Grimes, Canfield, DeMarco and Hill:**

**HB287** In order to grant tax relief for the cost of obtaining certain medically necessary products, this Act would provide further sales tax exemptions by adding a new Section 40-23-4.4 to be entitled "Over-the-Counter medications exempt."

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Gipson:**

**HB288** To provide for the establishment of the Alabama Virtual Library Executive Council and for its membership, responsibilities, and duties.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Gordon, Hilliard, Todd, Harper and England:**

**HB293** Relating to public K-12 education; to require any new school construction to include a Federal Emergency Management Agency approved safe hall or space; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**HB297** To amend Section 16-1-18.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that public education employees under contract for 187 days or less shall earn one and one-ninth days of sick leave per month of employment; and in connection therewith to have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section

111.05 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Page:**

**HB305** To amend Section 36-7-20, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the travel allowance of state employees, to increase the travel allowance of state employees and provide further for overnight stays by state employees.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Bentley, Oden, McClurkin, Buskey, Rogers, Spicer, Lindsey, Thomas (J), Schmitz and McLaughlin:**

**HB317** To amend Section 16-22-16, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the employment of registered nurses in public schools.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey, Spicer, Bentley, Rogers, Gipson, Schmitz, Buskey, Kennedy, Thomas (J), Oden, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB318** To make an appropriation of \$10,142,502 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama for the support and maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; to provide that the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975; to require an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds; and to require an end of year report.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey, Spicer, Bentley, Rogers, Gipson, Schmitz, Buskey, Kennedy, Thomas (J), Oden, McClurkin, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB319** To make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey, Rogers, Gipson, Schmitz, Buskey, Thomas (J), Oden, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB320** To make an appropriation of \$885,009 from the Education Trust Fund to Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama for the support and maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; to provide that the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975; to require an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds; and to require an end of year report.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey, Spicer, Bentley, Rogers, Gipson, Schmitz, Buskey, Thomas (J), Oden, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB321** To make an appropriation of \$249,760 from the Education Trust Fund to Lyman Ward Military Academy in Camp Hill, Alabama for the support and maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; to provide that the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975; to require an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds; and to require an end of year report.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Lindsey, Spicer, Bentley, Rogers, Gipson, Schmitz, Buskey, Kennedy, Thomas (J), Oden, McClurkin, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB322** To provide for transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2009 that portion of Children First Trust Fund receipts currently allocated for the State Board of Education.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Knight, Page, Letson, Newton (C), Allen and Thomas (E):**



**HB325** To make an appropriation of \$53,881,470 from the Children First Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, to the entities and for the purposes designated in Section 41-15B-2.2, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for the deposit of tobacco settlement revenues into the Children First Trust Fund; to require written notification of anticipated agency allocations by the State Director of Finance; to require quarterly allocations; to condition allocations on receipt of tobacco revenues; to make an appropriation of \$52,493,077 from other tobacco settlement funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009; and to make a conditional appropriation and allocation of additional tobacco revenues upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, the Chairman of the House Government Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee, and the approval of the Governor.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Knight, Page, Newton (C), Letson, Allen and Thomas (E):**

**HB328** To make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial agencies of the State, for other functions of government, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**McClurkin, McLaughlin and Boothe:**

**HB330** To withdraw \$64,000,000 from the Education Trust Fund Proration Prevention Account and transfer the funds to the Education Trust Fund.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Ford and Sherer:**

**HB343** To create the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, an interstate compact to address the education transition issues of children of active duty military families; and to allow for the uniform treatment at the state and local district level of military children for transferring between school districts and states.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Ford:**

**HB344** To amend Section 40-9-21, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the homestead exemption for the disabled and the elderly, to increase the income limit for the ad valorem tax exemption.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Newton (C) (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB349** Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the prohibition in Amendment 778, now appearing as Section 269.08 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, against the payment of any fees, charges, or commissions for assessment or collection of any new taxes levied in order to comply with the provisions of Amendment 778 applies only to the levy and collection of additional ad valorem taxes levied specifically under the provisions of Amendment 778 and shall not apply to any prior or future levy set by or renewed under the laws or constitution of the state, and to provide for an election to be held on the proposed amendment.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB350** To amend Section 40-18-35(b) of the Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify the statutory language of Section 40-18-35(b), Code of Alabama 1975.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB357** To create a new Section 40-18-86 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to withholding tax on the sale or transfer of real property and associated tangible property by nonresidents.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Kennedy:**

**HB377** Relating to the Child Protection Act of 1999; to amend Section 16-22A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Child Protection Act; to subject applicants and current certified and noncertified employees of two-year institutions of postsecondary education, who have or will have unsupervised access to any child in an educational setting, to criminal history background information checks.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Gipson, Harper, Beasley, Clouse, Mask, Thigpen, Boothe, Newton (C), Spicer, Graham, Schmitz, Fite, Curtis, Ward, Moore (P), Drake, Treadaway, Lewis, Martin, Ison and Barton:**

**HB385** To provide for the establishment of the Alabama Virtual Library Executive Council and for its membership, responsibilities, and duties.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Mask, Love, Lewis, Clouse, Gipson, McClendon, Baker (A), Bridges, Wood, McMillan, Treadaway, Moore (P), Drake, McCutcheon, Canfield, Ward, McClurkin and DeMarco:**

**HB392** To provide, as a monetary inducement or incentive for adult workers to seek educational advancement and training for higher paying and more demanding jobs, an income tax credit for both the employee and the employer for the costs associated with the additional education and training for these positions.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Allen, Ward, Hubbard, McClurkin, Love, Wood, Hill, McCutcheon, McDaniel, Sanderford, Canfield, Bridges, McMillan, Gaston, Barton, Fincher, Davis, Hammon, Clouse, Mask, Lewis, Shiver, Treadaway, Ison and Bentley:**

**HB406** To amend Section 40-7-60, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the reappraisal of property in Alabama, to provide Class III real property in Alabama would not be subject to reappraisal less than every four years.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives White and McCutcheon:**

**HB408** To amend Section 16-22A-10, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Child Protection Act of 1999, to provide for the confidentiality of criminal history background information reports received by the Department of Postsecondary Education from the Department of Public Safety.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Black:**

**HB412** To amend Section 16-33A-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Student Grant Program; to remove the term nonprofit from the definition of an approved institution; to remove the qualifying requirement that an approved institution be formally seeking accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and to provide further for the time when the acceptance of credits by other institutions is sufficient to constitute an approved institution.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Black:**

**HB415** To amend Section 36-25-14, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the filing of statements of economic interests with the State Ethics Commission, to increase the threshold for filing a statement of economic interests and allow the commission to adjust the amount pursuant to the cost-of-living index.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representatives Canfield, Hubbard, McClurkin, Love, Ball, Ward, Drake, McCutcheon, Ison, Barton, Gaston, Williams, Shiver, Clouse, Lewis, McClendon, Vance, Martin, Bridges, Laird, Treadaway, Moore (P), Scott, Taylor, Allen and DeMarco:**

**HB430** To provide for an exclusion from Alabama income taxation for federal tax credits received in 2008.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Guin, Sherer, Robinson (J), Irons, Grantland, White, Kennedy, Schmitz, Fite, Curtis, Graham, Keahey, Laird, Scott, Taylor, McLaughlin, Rogers, Moore (M), Robinson (O), Dunn, McDaniel, Morrow, Galliher, Hall, Todd, Dukes, Vance, Martin, Gipson, Thigpen, Harper, Bentley, Salaam, England,**

**Thomas (J), Baker (L), Gordon, Howard, Boyd, Coleman, Spicer, Lindsey and Hurst:**

**HB451** To provide an income tax credit to reimburse educational loan payments for any Alabama resident who earns an associate degree or a bachelor's degree in Alabama, and lives, works, and pays taxes in Alabama after earning that degree; to provide that an employer may make the loan payments and claim the credit; and to limit the credit to the amounts the person actually pays in loan payments or to the amount necessary to pay for an education in Alabama, whichever is less.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Spicer, Graham, Keahey, Buskey, Howard, Schmitz, Fite, Scott, Irons, White, Sherer, Robinson (J), Curtis, Grantland, Hall, Todd, Kennedy, Guin, Moore (M), Rogers, Robinson (O), Dunn, Hurst, Taylor, McLaughlin, Coleman and Lindsey:**

**HB455** To provide for an exclusion from Alabama individual income tax for federal tax credits received in 2008.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Grantland:**

**HB457** To amend Section 36-26-35, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the accumulation of leave by state employees, to provide that state employees may be entitled to receive payment for any accrued and unused annual leave days in excess of 60 days, up to a maximum of 10 days per year.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Knight:**

**HB469** To provide for an exclusion from Alabama individual income tax for federal tax credits received in 2008.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Dukes:**

**HB481** To authorize any and all political subdivisions of the state, any departments, agencies, boards, commissions, or authorities of any such political subdivisions, or any public corporations, authorities, agencies, instrumentalities, boards, commissions, state colleges, universities, or other governmental entities controlled or otherwise associated with any such political subdivisions thereof permissively to create, individually or jointly with other governmental entities, an irrevocable trust or trusts or any other fund exclusively for the purposes of holding, investing, and distributing assets to be used for certain post-employment benefits; to provide for definitions; to provide for the proper funding and allowable investments of the trusts; and to provide for other related matters.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Graham:**

**HB482** Relating to the Teachers' Retirement System, to permit purchase of credit in the system for certain prior service rendered to an educational institution that receives direct appropriations from the Education Trust Fund but does not participate in the TRS.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Rogers (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB513** To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal Section 65 of the Constitution, now appearing as Section 65 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, which prohibits the Legislature from enacting any legislation authorizing lotteries or gift enterprises.

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND TRAVEL

**By Representative Rogers:**

**HB515** To authorize casino gaming in cities of more than 100,000; to provide for the licensing, regulation, and control of casino gaming operations, manufacturers and distributors of gaming devices and gaming related equipment and supplies, and persons who participate in gaming; to provide the distribution of revenue; to vest authority for the licensing, regulation, and control of casino gaming in the Alabama Gaming Control Board; to restrict certain political contributions; to establish a code of ethics for certain persons involved in gaming; to create certain funds; to impose and authorize certain taxes and fees; to impose penalties; to make an appropriation; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND TRAVEL

**By Representatives Hall, Schmitz, Taylor, Ball, McCutcheon, Hinshaw and Sanderford:**

**HB532** To amend Section 16-49-20, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointments to the Board of Trustees for Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, to provide that they would be effective upon confirmation by

the Senate.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Wood, McCutcheon, Fite, Canfield, Ball, McMillan, Hammon, Bridges and Laird:**

**HB534** Relating to Alabama residents with military service; to provide free tuition to those who have served or are serving in the current conflict in support of the global war on terrorism occurring on or after September 11, 2001.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Irons:**

**HB541** To amend Section 16-60-111.4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to certain responsibilities of the State Board of Education regarding the governance of the two-year college system, to provide modifications to such responsibilities and provide that the board shall adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Irons:**

**HB542** To provide a procedure for notification of a breach of security where computer data containing the personal information of an Alabama resident is disclosed to an unauthorized person; to provide limited exceptions; to require standards for the storage and protection of computer data containing personal information; and to provide for limited liability for breaches.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representatives McClendon, Clouse, Allen, McClurkin, Hubbard, Scott, Treadaway, Black, Williams, Barton, Mitchell, Bandy, Shiver, Faust, Greeson, Page, Hurst, Lewis, Fields, Hammon, Oden, Wren, Salaam, Davis, Millican, Bridges, Drake, McCutcheon, Ward and Hill:**

**HB558** Relating to education; to waive undergraduate tuition and fees for Purple Heart recipients at public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in the state, including postsecondary technical colleges, community colleges, and junior colleges.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Robinson (J) and Fite:**

**HB594** To amend Section 16-60-111.3, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of the State Superintendent of Education and the Chancellor of Postsecondary Education; to provide that the compensation of the Chancellor be established by the Governor.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB604** Relating to the Alabama Public Library Service; to change the name of the entity to the State Library of Alabama and the title of the director to the State Librarian of Alabama; to expressly provide that confidential provisions relating to certain library records and information may not preclude records and information of a library being disclosed pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena; and to amend Sections 11-90-4, 41-8-1, 41-8-2, 41-8-3, 41-8-4, 41-8-5, 41-8-6, 41-8-7, 41-8-10, 41-8-20, 41-8-22, 41-8-41, 41-8-42, 41-8-43, 41-8-45, and 41-8-47 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**By Representatives Bridges, Love, Vance, Clouse, Mask, Drake, Wood, Martin, Laird, McMillan, Hubbard, Moore (P), Sanderford, Ball, Ison, Allen, Gipson, Fincher, Hammon, Lewis and McClurkin:**

**HB668** To amend Section 36-2-1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to eligibility for holding state office; to provide that state employees, including those who provide services under a personal or professional services contract, and employees of public educational institutions in the state are not eligible for state elective office or the Legislature; and to provide that an individual who is a public official would not be disqualified from holding the office during the term of a contract that was in effect before the effective date of this bill.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representatives McLaughlin, Ward, Payne, Robinson (J), Rogers, Scott, Hubbard, Buskey, Fite, Thomas (E), Clouse, Robinson (O), Wood, Sanderford, Kennedy, Williams, Mask, McClurkin and Bentley:**

**HB694** To amend Section 40-18-19, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to individual income tax exemptions, to exempt interest or benefits earned in any qualified tuition program.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Sanderford, Ball, McCutcheon, Wood, Hill, Ward, Morrow, McClurkin, Bridges and**

**Millican:**

**HB710** To amend Section 31-6-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that certain persons who were in the armed services during the Vietnam War period and who are residents of the state for a period of time before leaving the armed services are eligible for a period of time to take extension or correspondence courses at no cost.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Allen:**

**HB712** To amend Sections 8-26A-1, 8-26A-2, 8-26A-4, 8-26A-5, 8-26A-6, 8-26A-9, 8-26A-10, 8-26A-13, 8-26A-14, 8-26A-17, and 8-26A-30, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to athlete agents; to provide further for registration of athlete agents; to further provide for a registration fee; to further limit contact between agents and student-athletes; to further provide for review of registration material by the Secretary of State; to provide further for the membership of the Athlete Agents Commission; to authorize reprimands and revocation of registration for violations; and to repeal Section 8-26A-8, Code of Alabama 1975.

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND TRAVEL

**By Representatives McCutcheon, Ford, Williams, Schmitz, Greeson, Shiver, Buskey, Kennedy, Jackson, Rogers, Fields, Thomas (E), Irons, White, Dukes, Graham, Grantland, Bentley, Coleman, Todd, Fite, McClurkin, Hill, Ward and Ball:**

**HB714** Relating to public education; to define certain terms relating to public education; to provide procedures for issuing an arrest warrant for an employee concerning actions performed in the official duties of the employee; and to provide for exceptions.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**By Representative Knight:**

**HB715** To consolidate into one office the administrative law judges and hearing officers; to provide for the appointment of a chief administrative law judge and administrative law judges; to provide for qualifications, compensation, powers, and duties of the office and positions; to authorize funding for the office through an appropriation from the State General Fund and the Education Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010; and to appropriate other funds received by the office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Bentley:**

**HB737** To amend Sections 34-21-60, 34-21-61, 34-21-62, and 34-21-63, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to graduate degree scholarships for nurses, to increase the amount of such scholarships, to require applicants to meet additional qualifications; and to provide an annual appropriation.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Sanderford and Ball:**

**HB740** To amend Section 31-6-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that certain persons who were in the armed services during the Vietnam War period and who are residents of the state for a period of time before leaving the armed services are eligible for a period of time to take extension or correspondence courses at no cost.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Irons:**

**HB751** To add new provisions to the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to income taxes and investment partnerships and limited liability companies; to require filing composite returns and remittance of taxes on certain nonresident partners or members; to provide for exemptions; and to repeal Section 40-18-24.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Mitchell (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB755** Proposing an amendment to Section 47 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 47 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to further provide for the qualifications of legislators.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Mitchell:**

**HB756** To provide that funds appropriated by the Legislature to two-year colleges and technical schools, or four-year colleges and universities may not be used to pay a person to lobby for such schools.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Mitchell (Constitutional Amendment):**

**HB757** Proposing an amendment to Section 47 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 47 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to further provide for the

qualifications of legislators.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Kennedy:**

**HB758** Relating to two-year and four-year institutions of higher education; to require each applicant for admission to a teacher preparation program to complete a criminal history background information check; and to provide for notice of the requirement.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Irons, DeMarco, Fite, White and Grantland:**

**HB762** To add new provisions to the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to income taxes and investment partnerships and limited liability companies; to require filing composite returns and remittance of taxes on certain nonresident partners or members; to provide for exemptions; and to repeal Section 40-18-24.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Hall:**

**HB765** To provide for an appropriation from the Education Trust Fund to each public school system, grades 9 through 12, of fifteen dollars (\$15) per student in grades 9 through 12, in fiscal year 2008-2009, to be used for science courses.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Hall:**

**HB766** To provide an appropriation from the Education Trust Fund to each public school system, grades K-8, of five dollars (\$5) per student in grades K-8, in fiscal year 2008-2009, to be used for hands-on science courses.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Guin:**

**HB767** Relating to public K-12 education; to require the employment of service center nutritionists through the Alabama Child Nutrition Programs Section of the State Department of Education; to provide for the qualifications of a nutritionist; and to provide for participation of nutritionists in inservice training.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives McMillan, Davis, Baker (A), Gaston, Shiver, Faust, Hubbard and Gordon:**

**HB785** To amend Section 16-13-231, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the 10 mill equivalency of local school tax district ad valorem tax for the Foundation Program; to limit the amounts for future fiscal years to the amount calculated for the ad valorem tax year 2007-2008.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives McMillan, Baker (A), Davis and Shiver (Constitutional Amendment) (With Notice and Proof):**

**HB787** To amend Sections 17-1-4 and 17-17-5, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the political activities of public employees, to clarify the use of certain earned leave by public employees.

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**By Representative Spicer:**

**HB789** Relating to public education; to provide legislative intent; to authorize local boards of education to offer in public high school grades 9 to 12, inclusive, an elective course relating to Bible literacy; to provide for textbook adoption and curriculum content; and to permit the use of state textbook funds to purchase textbooks.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB794** To amend Section 40-1-32.1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Education Trust Fund Proration Prevention Account, to increase the amount appropriated to the Account from ending balances in the Education Trust Fund.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Hall:**

**HB795** Relating to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University; to amend Sections 16-49-20, 16-49-21, and 16-49-22, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the powers of the board of trustees; to establish a nominating committee process for nominating and appointing trustees to the board; to clarify when an appointment to the board becomes effective; to authorize the board to purchase property, borrow money, and incur other obligations on behalf of the university; and to repeal Section 16-49-25, Code of Alabama 1975.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Knight:**

**HB796** To amend Sections 9-17-25, 40-20-2, and 40-20-8 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and to add Chapter 20A to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that privilege taxes on offshore oil and gas production will be based upon the

gross proceeds from the sale of the oil or gas; and to levy a surcharge on certain offshore production.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Fite, Spicer, Schmitz, Robinson (J), Ford, Taylor, Morrow, Curtis, Irons, Hurst, Page and Guin:**

**HB797** To amend Section 41-19-3.1 and Section 41-19-10, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the modification of appropriations, to provide that when an appropriation is made to a state department, board, or commission, the Department of Finance and the Governor may not transfer, modify nor withhold the appropriation except as expressly provided for in this act; to create a legislative commission for state spending oversight and to specify powers and duties of the commission.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Rogers:**

**HB806** To make an appropriation of \$250,000 from the Education Trust Fund to the Alabama Kidney Foundation, Inc. for the support and operations of the Alabama Kidney Foundation, Inc. Program for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, to provide that the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975, to require an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds, and to require quarterly and end of year performance reports.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Sanderford:**

**HB827** To amend Section 31-6-11, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to veterans' educational benefits, to allow a veteran who has been a resident for five years prior to application for benefits to be eligible to receive the benefits.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representatives Boothe, Thigpen, Ward, Davis, Collier, Allen, Baker (L), Gipson, Bridges, Shiver, Wren, Lewis, Spicer, Vance, Greeson, Beasley, Martin, Clouse, Ison, Beck, Payne, Johnson, Morrow, Hill and McCutcheon:**

**HB828** Relating to the Troy State University System; to amend Sections 16-56-1, 16-56-2, 16-56-3, 16-56-4, 16-56-6, 16-56-7, 16-56-10, and 16-56-12, Code of Alabama 1975, to change the name of the university to Troy University; to remove the State Superintendent of Education from the board; to provide for distance learning through the global campus of the university; to prohibit courses and programs offered outside of the state from receiving state funds and to exempt such courses and programs from approval or review by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; to reduce the number of geographic areas represented in the state from eight to seven by combining existing areas seven and eight into area seven; to provide for the appointment of an additional at-large trustee; to delete language providing for the staggering of terms of board members and dividing the board into three classes for such purpose; to specify that the Chancellor of Troy University is the chief executive officer of the entire university; and to delete all references to presidents of the various campuses of the university.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Galliher:**

**HB844** To exempt all churches from the payment of all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Newton (C):**

**HB846** To amend Sections 40-18-80.1 and 40-18-82, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to estimated income tax payments, to decrease the individual income tax estimated tax payment requirement and to specify a lower tax threshold for additions to tax by corporations.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative White:**

**HB854** To add Section 16-5-16 to the Code of Alabama 1975, and to amend Section 16-60-115, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Private School Licensure program and services for postsecondary proprietary schools; to transfer the program and services from the Department of Postsecondary Education to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; to provide for the personnel and their rights, due process, and benefits; to provide for the transfer of funding, duties, powers, and functions of the program; to require the Department of Postsecondary Education to coordinate the transfer of the program services; and to require that the Chancellor of Postsecondary Education and the Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education coordinate actions.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative Lindsey:**

**HB856** To add Section 25-4-40.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to a special assessment on wages funding the education of adults for placement in the workforce, and to amend Section 25-4-54 providing for the assessment

in the appropriate rate tables.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representative Grimes:**

**HB889** Relating to public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education; to prohibit employees from receiving incentives from publishers; to require the posting of required textbook lists; to require the implementation of cost saving measures by institutions; to establish the College Textbook Review Board; and to specify the membership and duties of the review board.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**By Representatives Kennedy and Buskey:**

**HB898** To amend Sections 16-50-20, 16-50-21, 16-50-22, 16-50-25, 16-50-26, and 16-50-27, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University; to provide for the appointment of trustees by the Governor, upon the recommendation of a nominating committee, and confirmation by the Senate; to provide for the creation, membership, and operation of the Trustee Nominating Committee; to permit two at-large trustees to be nonresidents, remove the age restrictions on service, and increase the quorum requirement from six to seven trustees; to authorize the board to purchase property, borrow money, and incur other obligations on behalf of the university; to revise the method for filling vacancies on the board; to require the board to hold regular meetings in February, May, and September; to authorize eight of the membership of the board to call special emergency meetings of the board; and to authorize seven of the board to require the Governor to call special emergency meetings of the board.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY

**By Representative England:**

**HB899** To amend Section 16-47-32, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to meetings of the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, to allow the board, the executive committee of the board, or any other committee established by the board to participate in meetings by conference telephone or video conferences if the notice of the meetings is given pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings Act and members of the public are given the opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION POLICY